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2. THE SADF SOLDIER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS EUGENE DELANG, 18 YEARS OLD, BORN IN TRANSVAAL. IN A Q&A SESSION WITH ANGOLAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES HE SAID HE HAD VOLUNTERED FOR DUTY ON THE ANGOLAN FRONTIER, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED RISK PAY. HE SAID HE WAS CAPTURED WHILE ON A MISSION TO TRANSPORT WHAT HE CALLED ANGOLAN

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4. THE PAPER CHRONICLED 17 "VIOLATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS" COMMITTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AGAINST ANGOLA SINCE APRIL 3, 1976. THE VIOLATIONS ALLEGED INCLUDED OVERFLIGHTS, CUTTING TELEPHONE LINES AND INFILTRATION OF PATROLS, MOST OCCURRING NEAR WHERE THE MAIN HIGHWAY FROM SA DA BANDEIRA TO WINDHOEK CROSSES THE FRONTIER AT SANTA CLARA (17 DEGS 25 MINS S/15 DEG 55 MINS E). ROBINSON

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